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Re: U.S. Patent Application to be filed under 35 U.S.C. §111 which is a Continuation-In-Part application of International Patent Application No. PCT/DE03/00746, filed on March 4, 2003, which claims priority from Federal Republic of Germany Patent Application No. 102 09 712.7, filed on March 6, 2002.

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TITLE:

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PROCEDURE FOR A PERIPHERAL DATA

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## Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

Please find enclosed herewith the following documents relating to the above-cited case:

- (X) 1. the above-identified patent application having 38 pages and 12 claims;
- an unsigned Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney document;
- (X) 3. 3 sheets of drawings; and
- (X) 4. a stamped, self-addressed postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.

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